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Dear Josh:

Your note of September 18 must have crossed my letter to you in the mail. I have made no commitments for the space along one side of the second floor of the Biophysics Laboratory building and would be perfectly happy to have you use it, though I would guess that the amount of labor involved for you in a double move would hardly be worth it if you were still going to spend three months in Italy. However, this is entirely up to you and you can consider the space definitely available if you want it. The building is now being occupied by the other groups who have been promised space there, and pressures for the unoccupied space are already beginning to rear their ugly heads. For this reason, it would probably be helpful if I could know your final decision on this in the next three or four weeks.

I understand that my letter to you about Toby Gross had not yet reached you when she called. I deeply appreciate your taking the trouble to advise her since I believe she is really at an important turning point in her research career.

The weather here has been hot as blazes the last week or so and we are all wilting. Yesterday the temperature in San Francisco hit 92° which is something of an all-time record for that date, and today feels as though it might be even hotter. The only encouraging note is that all this happens so infrequently as to encourage newspaper headlines.

Sorry I won't be coming through Madison this trip but I'll try to find some occasion to do so before you go off to Italy. Incidentally, we are trying an experiment giving hydrocortisone to donor mice to wipe out as many of their lymphocytes as possible before injecting parental spleen cells into irradiated hybrids, and although the experiment is not yet finished, it appears that some protection is conferred against the homologous wasting disease by the preliminary depletion of lymphocytes. I'll let you know more about this later. Meanwhile Lee joins me in fond regards to you and Esther.

As ever,

*Henry S. Kaplan*

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